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RALEIGH, N. C., May, 1861.

His Excellency, JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President of the Confederate States of America :

SIR:—It is made my pleasing duty, as President of the North Carolina State Convention, to transmit to you, two Ordinances, unanimously passed by that Body, and I have charged T. B. Venable, Esq., (special messenger) with the delivery of the same. I avail myself of this occasion, to express the very high gratification I feel, in being able to announce to you the accession of this ancient State to the Confederate States of America. And most devoutly do I pray that this Union, strengthened by all the kindred ties of climate, pursuits and institutions, may perpetually “promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty” to our people and their posterity.

To which, I beg leave to add assurances of the very high consideration, with which,

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob’t servant,

W. N. EDWARDS.

Pres. of Convention.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }
MONTGOMERY, May 27, 1861. }*To the Hon. W. N. EDWARDS,**President of the Convention**of the people of North Carolina:*

SIR:—The President of the Confederate States of America has received with great pleasure your letter of the 25th instant, communicating the action of your Convention, in relation to the existing difficulties between the States and the government of the United States of America. He directs me to say, that the people and government of the Confederate States have received this action with great pleasure, and place a very high estimate upon the wisdom and virtue of that ancient Commonwealth, in shaping the policy of the new Confederacy in efforts to maintain stability, progress, and constitutional government. We accept with great pleasure, as a member of our Confederation your honored State, and in accordance with the action of the late Congress of the Confederate States, will immediately consummate it by executive proclamation, a copy of which is herewith forwarded to you.

I have only to add, that your action has filled with joy the hearts of thousands of your sons, who have heretofore cast their lot amongst us, and gives new confidence to the cause of constitutional liberty.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R. TOOMBS,

Secretary of State.

PROCLAMATION

By the President of the Confederate States of America.

WHEREAS, on the 17th of May, 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States passed an act, approved by me, which provides that the State of North Carolina shall be admitted a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same, upon the condition that the Convention of said State shall adopt and ratify said Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Confederate States, and shall transmit to the President of the Confederate States, before the re-assembling of Congress, through the Governor of said State, or some other proper organ, an authentic copy of the act or ordinance of said Convention so adopting and ratifying said Provisional Constitution, and that upon the receipt thereof, the President shall, by proclamation announce the fact;

And whereas, the Governor of the State of North Carolina, has transmitted to me an authentic copy of the ordinance of the Convention of said State, adopting and ratifying the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Confederate States:

Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, in virtue of the authority vested in me by the act of the Congress above recited, do issue this my proclamation, announcing to all whom it may concern, that the State of North Carolina is hereby admitted a member of the Confederate States of America, and that the laws of the said Confederate States are hereby extended over said State, as

fully and completely as over the other States composing the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States, at Montgomery, this 27th day of May,
[SEAL.] A. D. 1861.

(Signed):

By the President,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

(Signed):

R. TOOMBS,

Secretary of State.

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